

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 37-69 are currently pending. Claims 37-56 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 61-69 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 70-78 have been newly added. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 37-56 and 70-78 would be pending.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 61-69 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Griesmer et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,379,335).

Claims 61-69 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Newly added claims 70-78 are believed to be distinguishable over the cited reference.

In an image sensing unit having a plurality of image sensing elements, a timing when a driving condition of the image sensing unit is changed is important. Further, it is important to adjust a timing when the driving condition of the image sensing unit is changed, a timing when the irradiation is started, and a timing when a grid is driven.

On the contrary, Griesmer discloses timings when an irradiation is started and a grid is driven. However, Griesmer does not disclose or suggest that a timing when the driving condition of the image sensing unit is changed, a timing when the irradiation is started, and a

timing when a grid is driven are controlled so as to have a relationship, as reflected in the newly added claims.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4697. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.


In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4697. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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